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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal in the extreme west. Elsewhere the week was cold, with average temperatures ranging from 5° below normal in the extreme east to about 15° below in the south-central. The snow is gone over the eastern third of the state and most of the Panhandle. In the central portion the cover ranges from about one inch in the north up to 8 inches or more over much of the extreme south-central. There was about the usual amount of sunshine. Winds were generally light for the season of year.

CROPS Field work remained largely at a standstill last week. Only a few farmers were able to start seed bed preparation in scattered locations, mostly in the southeast. Over most of the state, soils were still too wet to work or were covered by snow. Much of the south-central area is still under a heavy blanket of snow and other sections have a combination of snow and mud to hamper activity. Spring seeding of small grain is falling behind schedule although some seeding may be started in the southeast if fair weather continues. In parts of the central and northeast, the start of field work may be postponed as much as 3 or 4 weeks.

Reports at the end of last week showed no seeding of oats and barley as yet. At the corresponding time last year, about 10 percent of these crops were in the ground. Last year by April 1, about two-fifths of these crops were seeded.

Winter grains, hay crops and pastures remain largely dormant but reported in good to excellent condition. Wheat was beginning to show a little greening here and there, but a considerable acreage is still under snow. The favorable soil moisture situation should give the crop a good start this spring, after going into the winter in a strong, vigorous condition.

High moisture corn is still a major problem with producers either trying to sell wet corn at a satisfactory price or dry it artificially. Below normal temperatures through March has reduced the urgency of taking action before spoilage sets in, but warmer weather is expected to soon cause immediate concern about loss.

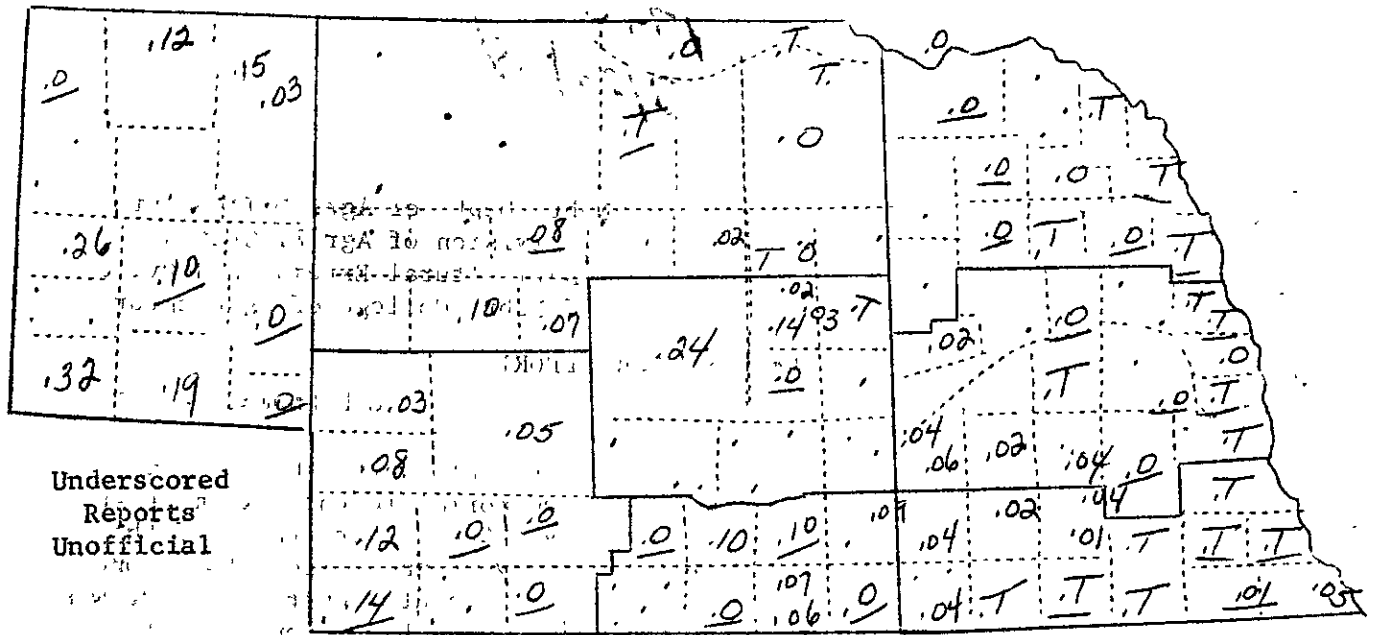
Open weather in the south-east permitted some farmers to resume harvesting the last few fields of corn after being held up by continuous bad weather all winter.

LIVESTOCK Conditions continued mostly unfavorable for livestock in areas where snow and mud persisted. Spring calving is well started, but under difficult conditions in some instances. Farrowings are approaching a seasonal peak. The weather has been detrimental in some cases, but litter sizes should exceed average by a noticeable margin. Feed lot gains continue to be held down by muddy conditions. Feeding of hay and concentrates has been increased considerably.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 1958

<u>East</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Grand Island .08	Burwell	Chadron
Lincoln	North Platte	Imperial
Norfolk	Valentine	Scottsbluff
Omaha		Sidney
Sioux City		

# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 1958



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		March 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	30	2	39	15	41	15	54	26	40	28	48	33	41	32
	Scottsbluff	32	12	39	20	44	23	53	25	41	29	54	32	--	31
	Sidney	26	10	34	16	43	21	53	28	32	27	52	29	35	27
NC	Burwell	33	1	37	4	40	9	41	15	35	29	37	31	42	24
	Valentine	34	11	33	16	38	13	42	20	32	29	37	31	43	26
NE	Norfolk	30	13	35	17	43	24	39	23	37	32	41	35	48	25
	Sioux City	32	19	40	23	44	25	40	22	37	33	43	36	51	29
Cen	Grand Island	34	7	32	10	39	15	37	19	36	29	37	32	46	27
EC	Lincoln	35	26	36	29	42	28	44	27	42	35	44	35	51	31
	Omaha	30	26	36	24	43	25	41	21	38	32	47	35	49	27
SW	Imperial	30	2	37	9	44	14	35	22	31	27	36	28	35	26
	North Platte	30	3	28	-1	38	12	33	19	33	30	36	31	37	25

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